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SUBJECT: EXCERPTS FROM EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

2. DAVID ROCKEFELLER IN PRC (UNCLASSIFIED)

DAVID ROCKEFELLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, IS SPENDING FIVE DAYS IN THE PRC AS THE GUEST OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ROCKEFELLER IS AN "OLD FRIEND" OF CHINA, HAVING PREVIOUSLY VISITED IN 1973. CHASE WAS THE FIRST US BANK TO ESTABLISH A LIMITED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC.

3. HUGHES SATELLITE FOR CHINA (CONFIDENTIAL)

IN A MEETING WITH HUGHES AIRCRAFT REPRESENTATIVES
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JANUARY 12, WE AND EB HAVE PERSUADED HUGHES TO CANCEL THEIR JANUARY 14 APPOINTMENT WITH PRCLO, ORIGINALLY SET TO EXPLORE CHINESE INTEREST IN PURCHASING A COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE. INSTEAD, HUGHES PLANS TO DRAW UP A PROPOSAL WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH TO OBTAIN A PRELIMINARY USG REACTION.

5. SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION IS PLANNING AN EXHIBIT OF TRADITIONAL TIBETAN LIFE STYLES IN LATE 1977. IN VIEW OF THE PRC'S SENSITIVITY OVER TIBETAN MATTERS, CU HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE INSTITUTE, WHICH HAS ASSURED THAT THE EXHIBIT WILL BE A "STRICTLY NON-POLITICAL TREATMENT OF TRADITIONAL TIBETAN CULTURE." THE EXHIBIT WILL FOCUS ON PRE-LIBERATION CULTURE, WILL NOT INVOLVE ETHNIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HANS AND TIBETANS, WILL NOT TREAT THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION OR TIBETAN REFUGEES, AND WILL NOT INVOLVE PARTICIPATION BY TIBETAN GROUPS. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE EXHIBIT WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH THE PRC.

6. SECURITY GUARD AT PRCUN (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

A DECISION BY NEW YORK CITY TO WITHDRAW THE FIXED-POINT POLICE PROTECTION FROM THE PRC MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRECIPITATED A MINI-FLAP WHEN THE PRC OBJECTED TO THIS STEP. LATER THE NEW YORK POLICE REVERSED THIS DECISION, AND THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE COVERAGE WILL CONTINUE, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

7. PRC-US EXCHANGE PROPOSALS (CONFIDENTIAL)

CSC HAS NOW RECEIVED THE PRC'S RESPONSE TO ITS 1977 CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROPOSALS. THE CHINESE AGREED TO FIVE EXCHANGES EACH WAY FOR 1977 BUT OFFERED SOME ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS. CSC'S ANNE KEATLEY WILL BE IN PEKING
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JANUARY 16-21 TO DISCUSS THESE PROPOSALS WITH STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION. SHE WILL TRY TO CONVINCE THEM TO CHOOSE ONE OF THE OTHER ORIGINAL CSC PROPOSALS (PREFERABLY APPLIED LINGUISTICS) RATHER THAN ONE OF THE THREE COUNTERPROPOSALS FROM STA. SHE IS ALSO HOPEFUL THAT THE CHINESE WILL AGREE TO TREAT CSC BOARD VISIT AS SEPARATE FROM THE EXCHANGE PACKAGE. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS STILL NOT HEARD FROM THE CHINESE ON ITS PROPOSALS.

OTHER ITEMS COVERED:

1. CHINA INTERNAL (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. POST REPORT PROBLEMS (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. US-PRC RELATIONS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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